

## SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
Attention: 401 Coordinator  
OR  
centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov  
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**Project Applicant:** California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 5 - Karen Holmes

**Applicant's Agent:** Self-Representing

**Project Name:** Alamo Pintado Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project

**Receiving Water:** Alamo Pintado Creek, (located within Santa Ynez Hydrologic Unit 314 and Los Olivos Hydrologic Area 314.40)

**City/County:** Los Olivos/Santa Barbara

**Public Notice:** March 23, 2022 – April 13, 2022

### Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to remove and replace the pedestrian bridge that crosses the Alamo Pintado Creek, which is located near SR-154 at PM 2.6 m. Replacing the pedestrian bridge is necessary to eliminate risk to the public from a bridge failure due to channel degradation and scour erosion that have undermined the bents and exposed the piles beneath the bridge bents, causing the bridge to slowly sink. Without intervention, channel degradation could continue to affect the bridge bents to a critical point where bridge failure could occur.

The proposed project activities associated with both San Jose Creek bridges along SR-101 include:

- Access to the streambed will require removing vegetation including several trees, and shoring and cutting the slope near the bridge to create temporary access ramp;
- Removal of current pedestrian bridge and replacement with a new pedestrian bridge involving:
  - Work in streambed to remove piers and foundations;
  - Removal of part of former rock slope protection (RSP);
- Stabilization of slopes after the construction of the new pedestrian bridge will include:
  - Installing un-grouted planted rock slope protection (RSP) with a gravel filter
  - Placing RSP from the tops of banks to the streambed and extend 70 feet downstream from the new bridge location
  - Filling of un-grouted voids of RSP with soil
  - Planting and hydroseeding over RSP soil with willow trees and native riparian seed mix
- Restoration of temporary impacted riparian habitat

No proposed mitigation. This project does not have any permanent environmental impacts, and therefore no compensatory mitigation is proposed.

Caltrans District 5 filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration on 1/21/2021.

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